

## WILL ALL BE THERE

High School Graduates Will Enjoy a Treat.

## BOYS AND GIRLS FOR A NIGHT

The Alumni Banquet to be Held January 4—Program of Toasts as Far as Arranged.

The banquet committee having in charge the finishing touches to the alumni banquet to be given by the Alumni association in the New Livingston hotel on the evening of January 4, held an important meeting last evening in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman S. Godfrey on Fountain street. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, C. W. Wurster, Willard Gouldberry and Bert B. Luten were the members of the banquet committee present. Will Wurster being the only absentee. Following is the membership of the reception committee which will entertain the guests on the auspicious evening: Maurice M. Houseman, Miss John Goldsmith, Mrs. Walter R. Schmidt, Miss Ethel Baranoff, Miss Bertha Beckman, Miss Clara Orth and Charles Powers.

The committee were delighted with a letter from Prof. E. A. Strong, formerly principal of the High school, now principal of the State Normal school at Ypsilanti, accepting the association's invitation to be present on the occasion and respond to a toast. Many of the guests' pupils will be present at the banquet, if for no other purpose than to meet the friend and teacher of their school days. Dr. Senayler C. Oraves will act as toastmaster. The program of toasts has not yet been completed, but so far as arranged is as follows:

"Object of the Alumni Association."

Prof. W. A. Grevson

"Girls in the High School."

Miss Anna M. Clark

"Classics in the High School."

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"Hand Times."

Clay H. Hollister

"Last Year's Banquet."

William H. Loomis

"Fruitful Year."

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## HE DID NO WRONG

John Wondergem Will Be Released From Custody.

## HE KILLED JOHN ECKMAN

But It Was Not Murder—Eckman Was Buried in the Potter's Field—Results of the Inquest.

Coroner Locher and a jury found just what everyone has known for two or three days "that John Eckman came to his death from a gun shot wound inflicted by John Wondergem." The jury at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and worked until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Little that was new came out on the examination. Dr. R. H. Schouten swore to the nature of Eckman's wound. Officer John Scooby, who was the first policeman on the ground, swore that he found Eckman's body in the yard back of Wondergem's house. He found two guns in the kitchen, one near the door and the other in the middle of the room. The back door had been forced open and the lock was lying on the floor.

Mrs. Cornelia Kornelje, who resides next door, heard the shot and at first supposed someone had shot a dog. She saw Eckman lying in the yard and Wondergem and his wife in the door. Wondergem told her he had killed Eckman. She swore that she had seen Eckman about Wondergem's house often with a gun.

Leonard Kool swore that he was well acquainted with Eckman, and saw him ten minutes before the shooting going into Kornelje alley with his gun. He asked him if he was going hunting, and Eckman said no, he was going to Wondergem's.

John Buys swore that Wondergem came to his house and told him he had killed Eckman.

The Woman in the Case.

Mrs. Wondergem, wife of the man who did the shooting took the stand. She is a good looking woman 31 years old. She told of her acquaintance with Eckman and said her husband was jealous and had told Eckman to keep away from the house. She went to Reed's lake once with Eckman but had not been out riding with him. He had frequently insulted her by making indecent proposals to her but she had told her husband about it right away and he was mad and told Eckman to keep away. Saturday night she went to Cornelius Eckman's bakery for bread and John Eckman was there and said he would come over and give them a present. He was coming to settle matters. Then she told how Eckman came and forced the door and was shot.

Cornelius Eckman, father of the dead man was sworn. He did not seem to be deeply troubled over the killing of his son, but swore that he was cleaning his gun all day Saturday. He did not know that there was any trouble between his son and Wondergem.

Wondergem Bought Cartridges.

Mrs. Wondergem was recalled and swore that she had bought some cartridges for the gun because they expired trouble and had not slept for several nights on account of Eckman's threats to shoot them. This ended the testimony and a verdict was rendered upon the testimony of the jury. The jury found that Eckman was the aggressor and that Wondergem was justified in shooting and no jury could be found to convict him of any crime. Wondergem will probably be released at once Eckman was buried in the Potter's field yesterday morning at the city's expense.

## CLUMSY DANCERS.

The Kaiser Forced to Bar Them at Imperial Entertainment.

Charmless in dancing has for a long time been regarded as a most unpardonable sin at the various royal and imperial courts of Europe, where the highly-polished and parquetté floors of the palaces and the spurs which form part and parcel of every full-dress uniform render waiting a matter of some danger. At Berlin accords of this character are said by Vogue to have been so frequent until a year ago that shortly after Christmas Emperor William summoned the general commanding the various troops stationed in and around Berlin and instructed him to direct those officers who were not able to dance properly to abstain from attempting to do so at imperial entertainments. Since then young officers are put through their paces by their seniors and are obliged to display a certain proficiency in pas de deux before being allowed to dance at court. On one occasion—a court ball at Berlin—the young cavalry subaltern incurred the anger of the late Prince Frederick Charles by tripping up his partner. The prince assailed the young officer so bitterly that the late Emperor Frederick, then only crown prince, was obliged to intervene. At the Viennese court, a young secretary of the Romanian legation once fell so unfortunately while dancing with one of the archduchesses that he came down in a sitting position on her face causing her a severe laceration to the nose. It is scarcely necessary to add that he left Vienna the next day, and a week later, obtained his transfer to another post. The duke of Aosta, nephew of King Humbert of Italy, broke his ankle last winter while waiting at a ball given at Rome by the popular Mme. de Galt, the wife of the Belgian minister at Washington, and, a few weeks before the tragedy at Mayerling, the now widowed Crown Princess Stephanie had a nasty fall due to the gaudiness of a cavalry officer with whom she was waiting. Emperor Francis Joseph was much annoyed, and so, too, was the late Crown Prince Rudolph, who spoke his mind in no measured terms to the culprit. For more polite was Emperor Napoleon III, when at a Tulleries ball, a middle-aged officer and his fair partner came to grief. The mortified dancer scrambled to his feet, the emperor kindly extended a hand to help him, and, turning to the lady remarked: "Madam, this is the second time that I have seen the Colonel fall; the first time it was on the battle field of Magenta."

Death of Charles E. Harper.

Charles E. Harper, book-keeper for Bowen Bros., died last night at his home, No. 164 Cass street, the result of an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Harper was 35 years old and came here from Port Hope, Canada, six years ago. He leaves a wife and two children. His father and mother have resided here with him since he came to Grand Rapids. He is a member of Valley City lodge, F. & A. M., and the funeral will be conducted by the masonic order. The time of the funeral has not been fixed.

## Burial Permit.

Anna Plooy, No. 1 Prince street, Valley City; John L. Eckman, Kornelje alley, Fulton street; Warren M. Smith, No. 119 North Union street, Fulton street; Alvin B. Moseley, San Antonio, Texas; Valley City; John DeGraaf, No. 77 Grandville avenue, Valley City; Mary Hyland, No. 230 Tenth avenue, St. Andrews, Maine; Frederickson, No. 208 Fifth street, Greenwood; Mary N. Dufos, No. 23 Turner street, Coopersville; Ella C. Blood, No. 40 Houseman street, Hastings.

## Railroad Men Will Meet.

A meeting of all classes of railroad men will be held in Knights of Pythias hall on South Division street, at 7:30 this evening for the purpose of organizing a local lodge of the American Railway union. Addresses will be given by several railroad men and Eugene V. Dale, president of the union, will be present. All men in the employment of any railroad, no matter in what capacity, will be welcomed and are eligible to membership.

## Charity Program.

The reception at the charity ball will begin at 8 o'clock this evening in the parlors at The Mort. The grand march will begin at 9:15. The dance program will consist of eighteen numbers. Those who do not dance and wish to play cards will be provided with rooms in which to play. The luncheon will be served in the rotunda at 11 o'clock.

## After Christmas Presents.

Dr. Grover's office on Monroe street was burglarized Monday night and a quantity of small articles were stolen. The door to his private office was forced open between 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and 8 o'clock yesterday morning. A bank book, a gold chain, some small change, four pocket watches and two bottles of perfume were taken.

## Special Attraction Tonight.

"Eddie" Smith, the famous champion trick and acrobatic roller skater, will give an exhibition of fancy skating in costume in Lockery hall this evening. Admission 10 cents. Warshawsky's band.

Salaries. "What is the matter with the land that nothing will grow on it?" he asked the fisherman, his host. "Fish did it," was the laconic answer. "How?" "Why, it was caught with fish. You know farmers near the seashore use porgies, dogfish, and other fish, worthless as such as weeds or grass. The only thing is to let it lie fallow until the soil gains strength by rest. Farmers round the seashore have found out that though fish fertilizers give them tempting crops to start with, they must be handled as carefully as a man ought to handle rum or brandy."

## Brain Was Knowing and Bold.

"When I was in the Yellowstone park last summer," said a Wyoming valley man, "one of the gamekeepers told me about a bear that worried a camp of government soldiers almost to desperation for several weeks. Late one night a bear waddled into camp, ripped open a tent, put the soldiers to flight, got what he wanted to eat, and went away. The next night the bear came around again, smashed down a tent and stole a smoked ham. Under the park rules the soldiers were prohibited from firing at the thieving brute, as well as from jabbing a bayonet into him, and the only thing they could do when the bear appeared and went to helping himself to rations was to get out of his way. Night after night the bold beast made a raid on the camp and raised a tent or two. My informant said that the bear acted as if he knew that the soldiers weren't fire on him, and that on each visit he became more saucy and destructive than before. When the bear's raids had become unbearable the commandant sent the facts to the secretary of the interior and asked what to do. Word came back to shoot the bear, and that night, when Bruin strode boldly into camp, the soldiers put an end to his career by riddling him with bullets."—N. Y. Sun.

## Next.

Mrs. Knuthaw (who has been discussing individual tastes)—What is your forte, Mrs. Jimpey?

Mrs. Jimpey—Me fourt' is dead.

Jimpey's me fit?—Chicago Record.

## Ours Too.

Harry—One never loses anything by keeping his engagements punctually.

Charlie—My experience is he is apt to lose half an hour's time waiting for the other fellow.—Truth.

## Real Estate Transfer.

Shepherd P. Frost and wife to Horton H. Drury, lot 8 and pt lot 7, blk 7, Holbrook's add, \$ 8,000  
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H. V. Appleby and wife to John Young et al., s 1/4 lot 16, blk 1, White's second add, \$ 1,100  
Estate of George Van Overen to Laura Van Overen, s 1/4 lot 12, blk 2, White's add, \$ 1,200  
Walter A. Williams and wife to Hiram Williams, s 1/4 lot 7, blk 3, Campbell's second add, \$ 3,800  
Byron L. Cook and wife to John F. Huff and wife, lot 10, blk 1, Weston & Meigs' replatted second add, \$ 650  
Benton H. Colton and wife to Herman H. Austin, lots 17 and 18, blk 3, Colt & Co.'s add, \$ 9,000  
Lewis H. Wilbur and wife to Frank Funke, s 1/4 lot 36, Pettibone & Co.'s add, \$ 1,250  
Estate of Charles H. Brown to Job L. Whipple, s 1/4 lot 34, blk 1, s 1/4 lot 35, blk 2, Wyoming, \$ 2,100  
Matilda M. Evans and husband to James H. Quail, nw 1/4 sec 34, T 34 S, R 10 W, \$ 1,000

## Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last publication, with the names residences (when out of the city) and ages of the parties.

Grace Simola, Bowne township, to Grace Simola, same, 23-25

Joseph L. Cook, Cascade, to Myrtle Harris, Caladonia, 23-25

Stanley Hewitt, Canada, to Maudie Zindler, city, 23-25

Ernest A. Rodabaugh, city, to Hattie M. Tate, city, 23-25

Harrison D. Voorheis, Chicago, to Elizabeth E. Gardner, Lowell, 23-25

## A Stitch in Time Saves Nine.

is true of old coats and mouths. When the former shows the first defect take a "stitch," and always keep the mouth right by using SOZODONT. It costs less for a new coat than a new set of teeth. False teeth are not as pleasant as natural ones.

## WOOD CARRIAGE CO.

WANT YOU TO CALL ON THEM WATERLOO STREET

A. J. SHELLMAN

Scientific Optician.

Rev. S. S. Thompson's Experience.

Need's Sarsaparilla and Pills Prove Their Merit.

"I think I would have been in my grave several years ago had it not been for Hood's Sarsaparilla. I was a United States soldier, served three years in the Union Army and was with Sherman in his

March to the Sea.

While in the service I contracted asthma, bronchitis and catarrhs, which have become chronic diseases. I find that Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills are the best medicines I can use for these complaints. They have certainly produced me life. I sincerely recommend

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